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Dear Parent/Carer

iPads for Learning Scheme 2026/27

At Prince Henry's Grammar School every student is required to use an iPad for their learning. We strongly believe that the use of this technology can positively support your child's learning by encouraging innovation and collaboration, increasing access to resources and reducing barriers to learning as well as preparing them for an ever-increasing digital future.

Parents have two choices in how they wish their child to participate in the scheme, these are listed below. If, after reading this, you still have questions, then please contact the school using the details provided at the end of this letter.

Option 1: Join the iPads for Learning Scheme 2026/27

The majority of parents choose to opt in to our donation scheme. As a member of the scheme, your child will be provided with a new iPad at the start of Year 7 which they will be able to take home with them. The donations run for three years and the iPad remains the property of the school during their time at Prince Henry's. However, when your child finishes Year 11, you will be given the option to take ownership of the iPad. Repairs are managed in school by the IT team, although there is usually a charge for this, dependent on the nature of the breakage. The school does not make any money from the iPad scheme, which relies heavily on parental donations. These donations help us to fund the scheme allowing all children the use of an iPad to aid their learning whilst at school and is administered by a charity called Digital Poverty.

If you opt into the iPad scheme, the current suggested donation amount is £13 per month, and this runs for a 36-month period. The school also requires a £50 holding deposit. Any repairs required are currently charged at £65, for a 1st repair and £95, for a 2nd repair and can be paid via SCOPAY. These costs are reviewed annually.

The iPad package includes a stylus, protective case, usb-c charging cable and partially subsidised repair costs in addition to on-site support and maintenance for any issues that occur with the iPad. When the iPads are used at home the school filtering and monitoring system would still be enforced, so families can have confidence in the use of the iPads in the home environment. However, parents do have the option of opting out of this level of filtering which slightly relaxes the web-based access that students can engage with.

Please do not opt out of the iPads for Learning scheme for financial reasons. Financial support can be made available, where required. There may also be additional support for those currently in receipt of free school meals. We would ask that you contact the school if you would like to discuss this, using the contact details provided at the end of this letter.

Option 2: Stay in School Device

If you do not wish to engage with the iPad scheme your child will be able to use a stay in school device which they will collect each morning, and drop back after school each day.

Both options will mean your child has access to an iPad that is managed by the school, which improves the educational value of the device your child is using. Class teachers are able to manage the use of devices when in the classroom to ensure that they are used in an appropriate manner for a school setting. All iPads will come preloaded with apps that the school has

approved and students will be able to download other apps that they find useful. Apps that do not meet our online safety standards will not be permitted to be downloaded.

Additional Option: Integrated Keyboard Case

There is an additional option to buy an integrated keyboard and case for your child's iPad this year. This would upgrade the current case and stylus that students are provided with. This would mean a one-off payment of £75. There may be additional financial support here for families currently in receipt of free school meals.

What we would like you to do

If you join the scheme, you should set up your monthly donations with Digital Poverty via the following link from our website: <https://digitalpovertyalliance.beaconforms.com/form/f6744631>

Please set up your donations now to start in September 2026 for 36 months.

Please complete the Microsoft form via the link below indicating your preferred options by 10th July at the very latest.

[iPads for Learning Scheme – Fill out form](#)

We also require the **£50 deposit** which can be paid online once you have set up your online payment account. Details of this will be emailed to you during the summer break. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque (payable to PHGS).

The new 11th Gen iPad does not supply a charger plug. If you require one of these, they can be purchased through your Scopay account at a cost of £10.00.

You can return Deposits to school during the Year 7 Induction Days on 8th, 9th & 10th July.

Please be aware that we will be unable to order an iPad for your child without confirmation that both donations and a deposit are in place. If there is a problem with any aspect of this, then please contact the school using the contact details below.

Further information about the iPad Scheme and a detailed Frequently Asked Questions document can be found on the school website: -

<https://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=iPads&pid=85>

Here you will also find the full Acceptable User Agreement, which we would ask you to read.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss financial support, please contact Tracey Dickinson who is the administrative officer for the iPad scheme on ipads@princehenrys.co.uk or on 01943 463524 Ext 1624.

Yours faithfully

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